

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 6, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
United States House of Representatives  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

I write to you today because my state has suffered significant damage from Hurricane Ida. On August 29<sup>th</sup>, the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Ida made landfall in southeast Louisiana, bringing winds of up to 150 miles per hour, enormous storm surges, and leaving a resolved but tired people in its wake.

While the storm has passed, the situation still remains challenging. The majority of my constituents are still without power, living in sweltering heat without air conditioning. Some are also without running water or proper sewage control, and availability of gasoline remains critically low.

Last week, President Biden, Senior Advisor Cedric Richmond, and FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell came to southeast Louisiana to survey the damage and speak directly to impacted people. It meant a lot to have the President on the ground with us to see the impacts of Hurricane Ida firsthand and to discuss the specific needs Louisianians have for rebuilding.

After a Category 4 hurricane, the strongest to hit our state in living memory, Louisiana will need assistance from Congress to build back better. I would request that you select a delegation of members from the House of Representatives travel to visit areas of Louisiana impacted by Hurricane Ida when practical and appropriate. There, our colleagues can witness the damage firsthand and receive updates on our progress. Sending a delegation will demonstrate the House of Representatives commitment to Louisiana following this disaster.

Louisianians are proud to contribute to our nation. We provide much of the country's energy, we cultivate agriculture, and play a large role in America's shipping industry. More importantly, our people deserve the opportunity to live healthy, productive lives free from worry. To achieve this, it's clear we will need federal assistance.

Madam Speaker, I know you believe in an America where everyone has opportunity and that you are an advocate for all. I believe that sending of a bipartisan delegation to Louisiana will be a powerful statement and will show the people of my state that they are not alone.

Thank you for your consideration and leadership in these uncertain times. God Bless you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Troy A. Carter, Sr.', with a stylized, flowing script.

**Troy A. Carter, Sr.**  
Member of Congress